



Uxbridge Community Gardens

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Lower Town Hall
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Quorum: 5/5 in attendance.

Minutes of June 11, 2013: Kris Holt reporting. Minutes read & accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Lemire reporting. Balance of \$4,384.85. This is in agreement with the town accountant's statement.

Old Business

1. **Out of Town Applicants:** The policy on out of town applicants was reviewed. The general consensus was to allow up to 5 plots for non-residents if there are available gardens after the March 1, 2014 application deadline. Single plots only. Approved 5/5.
2. **Review of Organic Guidelines & Ground Rules:** Discussion regarding the pallet fencing in the gardens. The fencing was deemed to fall within the ground rules. All other rules will remain. All spent plant material should be removed from gardens by 11-2-13. The ground rules will be mailed out on the Yahoo group & put on the bulletin board.
3. **Water:** Discussion regarding water barrels. It is suggested that individual gardeners have a water barrel, but it is not mandatory. UCG may look into getting a third water tank to place on the left side of the garden next year. There would be an issue with the UFD's ability to fill all tanks & barrels, as the tanker only holds 3,000 gallons. Barbara to ask the DPW if we can store the empty water tanks behind the DPW for the winter. All new gardeners should be made aware of the existing water situation.

New Business:

1. **Review draft FAQ/Timeline** – Barbara will email the FAQ page & post on the UCG website. Existing gardeners will have until December 1, 2013 to inform UCG if they are returning in 2014. Applications will go out January 1, return by March 1, 2014.
2. **Abandoned Plot Policy** – Review of gardens that are not maintained. There are currently 15 plots available for 2014.

3. **Fee for plot after July 1?** – A motion was made to assess a fee of \$10 after July 1, and no charge for 2nd plots acquired after August 1. This passed unanimously.
4. **Maximum Number of gardens per family?** – There is currently a max. of 2 plots per family. We will revisit this policy after new applications have been received.
5. **Gardens requested for 2014** – There have been 3 new garden requests for 2014.
6. **Application & release signed annually?** – No need for applications and releases to be signed annually by existing gardeners, however there should be a review of the ground rules.
7. **Mailing to existing gardeners?** – Barbara will email existing gardeners in November.
8. **Water barrel requirements** – A water barrel is recommended for each plot, however it is not required.
9. **Additional compost pile** – We will start a 2nd compost pile in the spring. Doug Nydam will move the existing compost pile.
10. **Formalized garden workdays / penalties** – Suggest 3 workdays for the 2014 season. UCG might reimburse people who mow for gas expenses. There was discussion regarding installing a shed to hold equipment. An orientation will be held for new gardeners.
11. **Faith Fellowship Food pantry/ donation schedule** – Donations can be made to the bin in the food pantry plot on Mon/Tues/Fri and Sat before 10am. Deliveries are made to the People's First pantry on Wed, and Faith Fellowship on Sat.
12. **Soil testing** – PH testing can be done at Mendon Greenhouse. Detailed soil testing can also be done through UMass. Soil was low in magnesium last year.
13. **Bees** – UCG might require permission from the town. Barbara will check with Sean Hendricks, and we can revisit in the spring.
14. **Seed Saving** – There is nothing in place at the moment.
15. **Set dates for 2014** – to be completed at our next meeting.
16. **Next Meeting** - TBA

Meeting adjourned.

Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt
UCG Secretary

Barbara Hall
Kim DeMers
Sandy Lemire
Kris Holt
Jackie Wheelock

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